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FOL ARE FULL TEXT OF PARAS CHANGED IN US REPLY SOV JUNE 4 AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINED TOPOL 34, REPEATED MOSCOW 61, LONDON 88, BONN 42:

"PARA 4. WITH REGARD TO BERLIN, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT INSISTING UPON THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS LEGAL RIGHTS BECAUSE OF ANY DESIRE MERELY TO PERPETUATE ITS PRESENCE THERE. IT IS INSISTING ON, AND WILL DEFEND, ITS LEGAL RIGHTS AGAINST ATTEMPTS AT UNILATERAL ABROGATION BECAUSE THE FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF WEST BERLIN DEPENDS UPON THE MAINTENANCE OF THOSE RIGHTS. THE SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE OF WEST BERLIN FOR THE SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THEY LIVE HAS BEEN MADE AMPLY CLEAR OVER THE YEARS. THEIR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT IN FREE ELECTIONS IS A DRAMATIC EXAMPLE OF THIS. THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT WEDDED TO ONE PARTICULAR ARRANGEMENT FOR BERLIN, IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE ALL-BERLIN SOLUTION WHICH WAS PROPOSED AT GENEVA IN 1959. IT HAS ACCEPTED THE POSSIBILITY OF PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT SITUATION IN BERLIN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AN OVER-ALL SOLUTION OF THE GERMAN PROBLEM CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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IT IS SORRY TO NOTE THAT ALL THE PROPOSALS IT HAS MADE TO THAT END HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES ALSO SUPPORTS THE CLEARLY EXPRESSED WISH OF THE WEST BERLINERS THAT NO CHANGE BE MADE IN THE STATUS OF THEIR CITY WHICH WOULD EXPOSE THEM, AT ONCE OR GRADUALLY OVER A LONGER TIME, TO THE DOMINATION OF THE REGIME WHICH PRESENTLY CONTROLS THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

PARA 29 AS IN THE PAST, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO CONSIDER IN AGREEMENT WITH ITS ALLIES A FREELY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS OF GERMANY. SUCH A SETTLEMENT MUST BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND WITH THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PART HAS NEVER CONTEMPLATED CONFRONTING THE SOVIET UNION WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. IT HOPES THAT FOR ITS PART THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL RENOUNCE ANY IDEA OF TAKING SUCH ACTION, WHICH AS NOTED, WOULD HAVE UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES. IT THINKS IT NECESSARY TO WARN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS OF THE GRAVE DANGERS OF SUCH A COURSE, AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL RATHER AIM, AS DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AT THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS IN WHICH GENUINE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS CAN BE PURSUED."

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